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**THREE MEN CHARGED WITH MANUFACTURING 3,700**  
**MARIJUANA PLANTS IN SUTTER COUNTY**

SACRAMENTO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that KY CHAN HAU, age 33, SAM WANG CHAO, age 25, aka Saan Wang Saechao, and KIENG PHAT LIENG, age 31, all of Sacramento were arraigned today in United States District Court on a criminal complaint charging manufacturing at least 1,000 marijuana plants in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1). If convicted, all defendants face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum sentence of imprisonment for at least 10 years.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement (DEA) Administration and NET-5.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robert M. Twiss, who is prosecuting the case, information presented in court shows that the defendants were growing approximately 3,746 marijuana plants in a field next to 2069 Watt Avenue in Nicholas, Sutter County. Agents from NET-5 and the DEA executed search warrants at that address on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and seized the growing plants.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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